

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON PALESTINE / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO :** 23 November 2011
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** No
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Legal Committee: Member elected by the General Conference at its 37th session
Member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 38th session (2015) until the beginning of the 39th session (2017)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage – Vice-President (Term expires: 2020)
4. **Your visits to Palestine:** none
5. **The Former Director-General's visit to Palestine:**
 - 14-15 June 2008: Official visit
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Elias Wadih Sanbar, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Palestine (Since 23 January 2012)
 - Mr Mounir Anastas, Ambassador, Alternate Permanent Delegate
7. **UNESCO Office:**
 - UNESCO Office in Ramallah, established in 1997
 - Mr Lodovico Folin-Calabi, Head of Office UNESCO Office in Ramallah since June 2015.
8. **National Commission for Education, Culture and science:**
 - Established in: 1994
 - Chairperson: Mr Mahmoud Ismaile Ali
 - Secretary-General: Mr Murad Sudani (since July 2014)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO:** none
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 5
 - UNESCO Chair on Human Rights, Democracy and Peace (1997), An – Najah National University, Nablus.
 - UNESCO Rotating Chair in Archaeology (1995), University of Birzeit, Birzeit.
 - UNESCO Chair in Mathematics and Theoretical Physics (2006), Birzeit University.
 - UNESCO Chair in Astronomy, Astrophysics and Space Sciences (2012), The Islamic University of Gaza.
 - PEACE Programme: Palestinian European Academic Co-operation in Education.
11. **Associated Schools:** 44
 - Year of adhesion: Palestine joined the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) in 1996.
 - Number of ASPnet schools: There are at present 44 ASP member institutions (7 primary, 5 primary and secondary and 32 secondary schools).
 - The ASPnet National Coordinator is currently Murad Sudani, Secretary-General, Palestinian National Commission for Education, Culture and Science.
12. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none

- 13. Biosphere reserves:** none
- 14. UNESCO Global Geoparks:** none
- 15. World Heritage Sites:** 3
- Hebron/Al-Khalil Old Town (2017)
 - Land of Olives and Vines – Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, Battir (2014)
 - Birthplace of Jesus: Church of the Nativity and the Pilgrimage Route, Bethlehem (2012)
- 16. Tentative List:** 13
- Baptism Site “Eshria’a” (Al-Maghtas) (2015)
 - Throne Villages (2013)
 - Wadi Natuf and Shuqba Cave (2013)
 - Ancient Jericho: Tell es-Sultan (2012)
 - Anthedon Harbour (2012)
 - El-Bariyah: wilderness with monasteries (2012)
 - Mount Gerizim and the Samaritans (2012)
 - Old town of Hebron al-Khalil & its environs (2012)
 - Old Town of Nablus and its environs (2012)
 - QUMRAN: Caves and Monastery of the Dead Sea Scrolls (2012)
 - Sebastia (/2012)
 - Tell Umm Amer (/2012)
 - Umm Al-Rihan forest (2012)
 - Wadi Gaza Coastal Wetlands (2012)
- 17. Intangible Heritage lists:** 1
- Palestinian Hikaye (2008)
- 18. Memory of the World Register:** no inscription.
- 19. Creative Cities Network:** none
- 20. Legal instruments:** 9 ratified and 31 not ratified
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified on 5 June 2015
 - Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: ratified on 8 December 2011
 - Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified on 8 December 2011.
 - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified on 8 December 2011
- 21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016 - 2017:** none
- 22. Participation Programme**
- 2016 – 2017: 5 projets have been approved for a total amount of \$100 000.
 - 2014 - 2015: 7 national requests have been submitted, DG has approved two national projects for a total amount of US\$ 40 000 as well as one Emergency Assistance for an amount of US\$ 50 000.

- 2012 - 2013: 8 national requests have been submitted, the DG has approved 5 projects for a total amount of US\$ 100 and one request not recommended by the committee. Also, the DG has approved one Emergency Assistance for an amount of US\$ 50 000.

23. Fellowships: there is no fellowship awarded to Palestine since 2010

24. Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) maintaining relations with UNESCO:
none